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TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION NOVEMBER 1988 AUSTIN, TX 78778

TEXAS JOBLESS RATE DIPS SLIGHTLY

The actual unemployment rate for Texas declined moderately from 7.1% in September to 6.8% in October. There were an estimated 571,200 jobless Texans in mid-October. The decrease pushed the rate back down near the August level of unemployment. The current rate was more than half a percent lower than the October 1987 rate of 7.4%. Fluctuations in the actual unemployment rate for the State indicate an uncertainty in the general business community, due in part to declining oil prices in recent months.

Total employment rose only marginally over the month, to an estimated 7,804,200, but was still considerably above the October 1987 total. Total agricultural employment in Texas was estimated at 212,800 in mid-October, according to the Current Population Survey.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the Texas unemployment rate rose from 7.0% in September to 7.4% in October. The current rate in this series is the highest for Texas since April. The National rates in both series slid downward over the month. The actual U. S. rate declined from 5.2% to 5.0% in October, well below the 5.7% recorded in October 1987. The seasonally adjusted National rate inched down from 5.4% to 5.3% over the month. The current rate in this series had also declined significantly from the 6.0% registered a year earlier.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS TOTAL INCREASES

Boosted by the completion of staffing in state and local schools and universities and other seasonal increases, Statewide **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** rose by 35,100 jobs between September and October. Only two major industry sectors showed losses over the month — **Construction** and **Mining** both reported employment cutbacks in October.

The over-the-month growth in **Government** provided the majority of the total increase, as close to 27,000 jobs were added in this sector. Hiring to fill the remainder of the positions in Local Government schools generated about three-fourths of the total Government additions. State schools and colleges also finished staffing for the fall semester, adding close to 7,000 additional jobs. A modest gain was reported in Federal Government in October.

The hiring of part-time faculty members at private schools and colleges was in part responsible for the sizeable increase in **Services** over the month. Every sector of Services but one recorded at least modest growth in October, adding 6,200 jobs.

Other Services contributed 3,100 jobs, as growth occurred in several of its segments. The largest of these was a seasonal gain of over 2,000 in Fraternal Associations and Parent-Teacher Associations as the fall school semester began. Legal Services also

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct. '88	Sep.'88	Oct.'87
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	122,432.0	121,842.0	120,743.0
Unemployment	6,182.0	6,368.0	6,845.0
Percent Unemployed	5.0%	5.2%	5.7%
Total Employment	116,250.0	115,474.0	113,898.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	122,012.0	121,924.0	120,387.0
Unemployment	6,491.0	6,596.0	7,177.0
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.4%	6.0%
Total Employment	115,521.0	115,328.0	113,210.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,375.4	8,387.6	8,244.6
Unemployment	571.2	594.4	606.1
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	7.1%	7.4%
Total Employment	7,804.2	7,793.2	7,638.5
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,359.0	8,354.0	8,249.0
Unemployment	620.0	586.0	657.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.0%	8.0%
Total Employment	7,739.0	7,768.0	7,592.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	OCT.'88*	SEP.'88**	OCT.'87**	OCT.'88*	SEP.'88**	OCT.'87**	OCT.'88*	SEP.'88**	OCT.'87**	OCT.'88*	SEP.'88**	OCT.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	50,500	50,200	49,100	77,400	77,500	75,500	351,500	350,600	334,100	129,800	128,800	129,200
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,500	9,400	9,500	9,800	40,200	40,000	39,700	25,200	25,100	24,800
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,200	1,200	1,300	700	700	800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Construction	2,300	2,200	2,100	3,800	3,500	3,800	15,300	15,300	16,500	8,300	8,200	7,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,500	5,800	5,800	5,900	10,700	10,700	10,500	9,800	9,700	9,800
Trade	14,100	13,900	13,500	23,100	23,200	22,900	77,200	77,400	79,200	31,500	31,200	32,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,300	24,600	24,600	24,900	5,200	5,300	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,300	13,200	16,400	16,600	16,300	83,700	83,600	84,600	28,000	27,700	28,100
Government	9,100	9,000	8,500	13,400	13,100	14,200	99,100	96,100	97,600	20,500	20,100	20,200
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	58,000	58,500	57,100	67,600	67,400	65,700	50,200	47,600	46,500	125,700	125,400	124,300
Manufacturing	15,700	15,800	15,400	10,400	10,400	9,900	3,100	3,100	3,100	11,200	11,200	11,500
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,900	–	–	—	600	700	700	4,400	4,200	3,900
Construction	6,900	6,900	5,700	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,400	2,200	2,100	6,200	6,100	6,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,200	2,300	2,300	3,200	3,300	3,100	1,700	1,800	1,500	6,800	6,800	7,000
Trade	11,000	10,800	11,000	18,000	17,900	17,400	9,900	9,800	9,900	32,300	32,100	31,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	1,900	2,000	3,500	3,500	3,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,000	7,000	6,900
Services & Misc.	8,300	8,200	7,900	14,200	14,100	13,800	8,900	8,800	8,300	29,500	29,500	28,900
Government	11,300	11,200	10,900	16,300	16,100	15,900	22,000	20,200	21,100	28,300	28,500	28,000
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,336.9	1,337.2	1,339.2	191,800	191,300	186,700	518,100	518,600	519,500	69,300	69,800	70,400
Manufacturing	221.8	222.2	221.9	38,200	38,700	37,500	119,200	119,100	117,300	8,500	8,400	8,600
Mining	17.8	18.1	18.4	–	–	—	3,600	3,600	3,500	500	500	600
Construction	47.9	48.6	60.2	9,200	9,200	9,500	19,200	19,300	24,000	2,900	2,900	3,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	92.8	93.2	89.8	10,900	10,800	10,200	31,300	31,300	29,900	4,600	4,500	5,100
Trade	352.8	351.5	347.8	47,100	47,700	46,500	133,900	134,100	138,200	14,100	14,700	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.8	127.7	132.2	9,100	9,100	9,800	26,500	26,800	27,800	4,100	4,100	4,100
Services & Misc.	326.1	324.9	318.0	37,400	36,800	34,600	116,000	116,900	112,000	14,500	14,800	13,800
Government	150.9	151.0	150.9	39,900	39,000	38,800	66,400	67,700	68,800	20,100	19,900	20,700
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,430.2	1,422.1	1,395.2	70,900	71,200	69,800	37,800	37,500	35,600	66,100	66,000	64,700
Manufacturing	153.0	152.3	149.0	8,300	8,300	8,000	1,900	1,800	1,700	15,700	15,800	15,700
Mining	64.6	64.8	63.1	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,100	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	85.2	86.1	83.8	3,700	3,600	3,800	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,400	3,400	2,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	99.6	99.6	98.0	2,800	2,800	2,700	5,000	5,000	4,500	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	359.4	359.0	351.4	16,300	16,400	15,900	10,800	10,700	10,200	17,000	17,000	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	96.9	97.1	96.8	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	377.2	374.4	363.2	15,500	15,800	15,200	6,100	6,100	5,900	12,000	12,000	11,600
Government	194.3	189.0	187.9	21,200	21,200	21,300	9,300	9,200	8,400	8,800	8,400	8,500
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	93,500	93,600	92,200	93,000	89,600	89,800	44,800	44,900	43,600	43,100	43,000	42,900
Manufacturing	7,600	7,600	7,100	12,400	11,500	12,000	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,700	3,700	3,700
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,600	9,600	9,800	5,700	5,800	6,200
Construction	3,400	3,600	3,400	4,100	4,100	3,900	1,200	1,200	1,200	2,100	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,100	5,100	4,800	2,900	2,900	2,800	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,200	2,100	2,100
Trade	27,700	27,800	27,500	27,900	26,400	26,400	10,400	10,600	10,300	12,900	12,800	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,400	3,800	3,700	3,800	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	22,400	22,600	21,800	14,800	14,400	14,400	5,700	5,700	5,600	7,300	7,300	7,000
Government	21,400	21,000	21,800	26,200	25,700	25,400	7,400	7,300	6,300	7,500	7,800	7,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	38,500	38,400	38,500	514,200	511,000	504,800	37,400	37,800	38,000	45,700	45,200	45,900
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,700	46,900	47,100	46,800	10,900	11,100	11,100	7,300	7,300	7,500
Mining	400	400	500	2,500	2,500	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,600	25,200	25,300	29,600	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,700	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,000	18,000	17,900	18,300	1,900	1,800	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,600	9,500	9,400	134,800	135,200	131,700	8,200	8,300	8,400	10,800	10,800	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,800	40,800	39,700	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,900	7,800	127,100	126,400	120,800	8,600	8,700	8,700	9,600	9,600	9,400
Government	6,900	6,800	6,700	119,100	116,000	115,600	4,200	4,300	4,400	12,300	11,900	12,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	61,800	61,000	61,300	27,500	27,500	27,300	79,700	78,700	79,000	51,300	51,200	50,000
Manufacturing	10,500	10,300	10,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	15,000	15,000	15,100	8,300	8,300	8,200
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,300	1,400	1,600	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,900	3,900	3,500	2,100	2,100	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,400	3,300	3,300	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,700	16,800	16,500	7,800	7,900	7,800	19,000	19,100	19,200	12,400	12,200	12,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,700	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,800	2,300	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,600	14,400	5,900	5,800	5,700	21,000	20,500	20,400	11,600	11,600	11,500
Government	9,200	8,800	9,000	4,700	4,600	4,600	12,600	12,100	12,600	10,100	10,100	9,600

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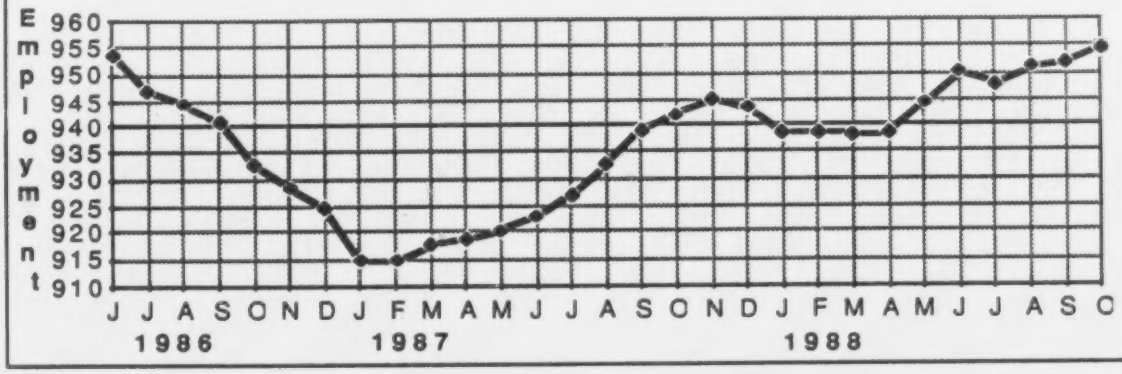
CHART 1
MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT - TEXAS
June 1986 - October 1988 (Prel.)
(Numbers in Thousands)



increased substantially, with part-time hiring prevalent in that sector. Although Health Services contributed only 1,500 jobs during the last month, this sector remains the fastest-growing of any single industry, having generated 24,000 jobs over the past year.

The continued hiring of temporary employees to fill new contracts pushed employment up by 1,300 in the Business portion of Business and Repair Services. The only segment of Services which declined over the month was Amusement, including Motion Pictures, where cutbacks continued due to the shutting down of amusement parks and other outdoor activities. Employment in this industry decreased by 3,000 in October.

The third-largest number of new jobs created over the month was in **Manufacturing.** There were 2,600 additional Manufacturing positions in October and the factory sector was up 12,300 over the year. The moderate but steady growth which has occurred in Manufacturing over the past year has pushed employment to its highest level since May 1986. The majority of the increases have been in the Durable Goods portion which, over the year, was responsible for more than four-fifths of the total Manufacturing growth. ***Chart 1*** above shows this upturn in Manufacturing employment.

Wholesale and Retail Trade provided 2,300 new jobs in October, with most of the advance generated by the Retail sector. Expansion within a large firm in General Merchandise Stores helped to provide 2,800 additional jobs. Food Stores added 1,600 positions as seasonal jobs were created. Seasonal declines in Eating and Drinking Places, among Automotive Dealers and Service Stations, and in Building Materials and Garden Supplies partially offset these gains. Wholesale Trade was basically unchanged over the month, gaining a modest 200 jobs. This sector had, however, increased by 2,500 jobs between October 1987 and October 1988.

Transportation and Public Utilities advanced by 1,000 jobs in October, due entirely to a sizeable increase in Transportation, except Railroads. Within this sector, the largest growth occurred in Transportation Services, which includes forwarding and packing services as well as the arrangement of passenger and freight transportation. Employment in Communications remained stable over the month, while Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services declined slightly.

Construction employment was cut by 2,300 jobs in October, as General Building Contractors and Highway and Street Construction both declined. The primary source of most of the construction increases this year has been highway and street building, and this activity now appears to be lessening. Construction has now lost 7,400 jobs in 1988 since its high point in June of this year and is 24,700 below its October 1987 total. From its peak employment level, in March 1986, over 112,000 Construction jobs have been lost in Texas.

Mining continued to record cutbacks in October, losing an additional 800 positions. The current estimate is 4,000 below the January 1988 level and 4,800 below the year-ago total. Fluctuating and declining oil prices have undermined the modest improvements which occurred in the latter half of 1987 in Oil and Gas Extraction.

As shown by data on ***Chart 1*** above, **Manufacturing** employment has shown a basic upward trend since January 1987. Between

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TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Oct. '88*	Sep. '88**	Oct. '87**	Chg. from Sep. '88	Chg. from Oct. '87
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,655,300**	**6,620,200**	**6,559,600**	**35,100**	**95,700**
MANUFACTURING	**954,400**	**951,800**	**942,100**	**2,600**	**12,300**
Durable Goods	**549,300**	**547,800**	**538,900**	**1,500**	**10,400**
Lumber & Wood Products	34,500	34,400	34,100	100	400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,400	6,500	6,500	-100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,900	16,500	17,200	400	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	42,900	42,800	43,900	100	-1,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,500	17,600	19,200	-100	-1,700
Primary Metal Industries	28,500	28,700	27,400	-200	1,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,700	76,800	73,000	-100	3,700
Fabr. Structural Metal Prod.	36,300	36,300	35,500	0	800
Machinery, exc. Electrical	101,600	101,300	100,800	300	800
Oil Field Machinery	22,500	22,600	21,800	-100	700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,100	118,000	116,400	100	1,700
Transportation Equipment	94,400	93,900	91,600	500	2,800
Aircraft & Parts	55,000	54,900	52,200	100	2,800
Instruments & Related Prod.	21,800	21,700	21,400	100	400
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	13,900	13,700	13,100	200	800
Nondurable Goods	**405,100**	**404,000**	**403,200**	**1,100**	**1,900**
Food & Kindred Products	99,000	98,200	98,900	800	100
Meat Products	28,700	28,800	29,400	-100	-700
Dairy Products	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0
Bakery Products	10,400	10,200	10,400	200	0
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	-100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,100	54,100	54,000	0	100
Paper & Allied Products	26,600	26,400	24,500	200	2,100
Printing & Publishing	73,800	73,800	73,100	0	700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,000	35,100	35,900	-100	-900
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,500	74,300	74,300	200	200
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,200	31,300	32,800	-100	-1,600
Petroleum Refining	27,800	27,900	29,500	-100	-1,700
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,400	7,800	0	600
Other Nondurable Goods	33,500	33,500	33,700	0	-200
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,700,900**	**5,668,400**	**5,617,500**	**32,500**	**83,400**
Mining	**178,600**	**179,400**	**183,400**	**-800**	**-4,800**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,200	9,400	9,900	-200	-700
Oil & Gas Extraction	169,400	170,000	173,500	-600	-4,100
Construction	**319,200**	**321,500**	**343,900**	**-2,300**	**-24,700**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**394,300**	**393,300**	**388,700**	**1,000**	**5,600**
Railroad Transportation	20,500	20,500	21,500	0	-1,000
Transportation, exc. Railroads	214,200	213,000	207,100	1,200	7,100
Transportation by Air	63,400	63,400	57,800	0	5,600
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	84,200	84,200	84,500	0	-300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,400	75,600	75,600	-200	-200
Electric Services	40,800	40,700	41,500	-100	-900
Gas Production & Distribution	27,500	27,700	26,900	-200	600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,662,200**	**1,659,900**	**1,650,000**	**2,300**	**12,200**
Wholesale Trade	410,400	410,200	407,900	200	2,500
Retail Trade	1,251,800	1,249,700	1,242,100	2,100	9,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,700	44,300	45,000	-600	-1,300
General Merchandise Stores	171,400	168,500	169,600	2,800	1,800
Food Stores	230,800	229,200	227,900	1,600	2,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,300	135,000	133,900	-700	400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,100	78,200	80,200	-100	-2,100
Eating & Drinking Places	407,800	409,300	398,000	-1,500	9,800
Other Retail Trade	185,700	185,100	187,500	600	-1,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**439,600**	**440,300**	**440,000**	**-700**	**-400**
Banking	98,100	98,600	97,400	-500	700
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	139,100	138,800	138,200	300	900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	202,400	202,900	204,400	-500	-2,000
Services	**1,510,200**	**1,504,000**	**1,448,500**	**6,200**	**61,700**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,800	81,200	81,700	600	100
Personal Services	84,400	84,300	84,000	100	400
Business & Repair Services	422,000	420,700	402,600	1,300	19,400
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	55,200	58,200	53,500	-3,000	1,700
Health Services	414,000	412,500	390,000	1,500	24,000
Educational Services	77,500	74,900	80,800	2,600	-3,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	375,300	372,200	355,900	3,100	19,400
Total Government	**1,196,800**	**1,170,000**	**1,163,000**	**26,800**	**33,800**
Federal Government	192,900	192,100	194,500	800	-1,600
State Government	247,900	241,200	238,500	6,700	9,400
Local Government	756,000	736,700	730,000	19,300	26,000

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,400	55,400	54,000	101,200	101,900	100,800	430,100	430,500	429,600
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,200	3,900	6,100	6,000	5,800	24,200	25,000	25,700
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	5.8%	7.2%	6.0%	5.9%	5.8%	5.6%	5.8%	6.0%
Total Employment ++	52,300	52,200	50,100	95,100	95,900	95,000	405,900	405,500	403,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,700	161,800	160,800	83,500	83,600	81,000	97,900	97,800	95,200
Total Unemployment	15,200	16,300	16,700	5,900	6,400	6,800	11,500	12,100	12,400
Percent Unemployed	9.4%	10.1%	10.4%	7.1%	7.7%	8.4%	11.7%	12.4%	13.0%
Total Employment ++	146,500	145,500	144,100	77,600	77,200	74,200	86,400	85,700	82,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,300	57,800	57,700	160,700	160,900	158,900	1,473.7	1,476.1	1,457.5
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,500	2,700	13,900	14,300	15,900	82.7	83.4	84.3
Percent Unemployed	4.5%	4.3%	4.7%	8.6%	8.9%	10.0%	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	57,600	55,300	55,000	146,800	146,600	143,000	1,391.0	1,392.7	1,373.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	244,700	247,400	233,800	684,500	687,400	679,200	105,500	107,400	107,800
Total Unemployment	25,900	28,300	23,100	40,500	42,100	41,100	8,400	9,200	10,300
Percent Unemployed	10.6%	11.4%	9.9%	5.9%	6.1%	6.1%	8.0%	8.6%	9.6%
Total Employment ++	218,800	219,100	210,700	644,000	645,300	638,100	97,100	98,200	97,500
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,635.3	1,635.1	1,600.6	97,100	97,200	93,200	47,200	47,000	44,700
Total Unemployment	101.1	107.0	121.2	7,800	7,600	7,000	5,500	5,700	5,600
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	6.5%	7.6%	8.0%	7.8%	7.5%	11.7%	12.1%	12.5%
Total Employment ++	1,534.2	1,528.1	1,479.4	89,300	89,600	86,200	41,700	41,300	39,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,200	80,100	78,700	115,700	115,800	113,000	153,300	148,100	146,700
Total Unemployment	6,800	6,700	7,100	5,700	5,800	6,000	25,300	26,600	24,700
Percent Unemployed	8.5%	8.4%	9.0%	4.9%	5.0%	5.3%	16.5%	18.0%	16.8%
Total Employment ++	73,400	73,400	71,600	110,000	110,000	107,000	128,000	121,500	122,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,200	50,300	49,500	53,800	54,000	53,300	46,300	46,200	45,400
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,100	4,300	2,800	2,800	2,500
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.6%	7.3%	7.4%	7.6%	8.1%	6.0%	6.1%	5.5%
Total Employment ++	47,500	47,500	45,900	49,800	49,900	49,000	43,500	43,400	42,900
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	632,300	631,700	611,300	49,800	50,400	49,600	58,400	58,300	58,200
Total Unemployment	46,800	49,000	44,300	3,200	3,500	3,400	4,300	4,500	4,300
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.8%	7.2%	6.4%	6.9%	6.9%	7.4%	7.7%	7.4%
Total Employment ++	585,500	582,700	567,000	46,600	46,900	46,200	54,100	53,800	53,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,800	76,700	76,200	36,700	37,000	36,500	94,200	94,300	93,900
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,700	5,700	2,300	2,500	2,800	5,700	6,100	7,000
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.4%	7.5%	6.3%	6.8%	7.7%	6.1%	6.5%	7.5%
Total Employment ++	71,400	71,000	70,500	34,400	34,500	33,700	88,500	88,200	86,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,400	58,600	57,000				8,375.4	8,387.6	8,244.6
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,500	3,800				571.2	594.4	606.1
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	6.0%	6.7%				6.8%	7.1%	7.4%
Total Employment ++	55,200	55,100	53,200				7,804.2	7,793.2	7,638.5

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct.'88*	Sep.'88	Oct.'87	Oct.'88*	Sep.'88	Oct.'87	Oct.'88*	Sep.'88	Oct.'87
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 418.58	$ 417.00	$ 413.70	41.9	41.7	42.0	$ 9.99	$ 10.00	9.85
Durable Goods	421.88	414.96	409.21	42.4	42.0	42.1	9.95	9.88	9.72
Lumber & Wood Products	297.20	304.74	288.56	41.8	42.8	40.7	7.11	7.12	7.09
Furniture & Fixtures	275.39	273.64	259.45	41.6	40.6	40.1	6.62	6.74	6.47
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	398.37	388.50	399.89	42.2	42.0	43.8	9.44	9.25	9.13
Primary Metal Industries	454.49	451.50	447.32	42.2	42.0	42.4	10.77	10.75	10.55
Fabricated Metal Products	390.76	389.96	379.80	42.8	42.9	42.2	9.13	9.09	9.00
Machinery, exc. Electric	424.41	422.17	423.12	43.0	42.6	43.0	9.87	9.91	9.84
Oil Field Machinery	464.34	454.94	505.12	43.6	43.0	45.1	10.65	10.58	11.20
Electric & Electronic Equip.	437.53	444.55	433.42	40.7	41.2	41.2	10.75	10.79	10.52
Transportation Equipment	595.19	555.56	538.04	45.4	43.0	42.6	13.11	12.92	12.63
Instruments & Related Prod.	367.88	363.38	359.16	39.6	39.2	41.0	9.29	9.27	8.76
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	271.36	262.39	286.40	38.6	37.7	40.0	7.03	6.96	7.16
Nondurable Goods	414.65	418.78	419.00	41.3	41.3	41.9	10.04	10.14	10.00
Food & Kindred Products	337.18	348.43	347.28	42.2	42.7	42.3	7.99	8.16	8.21
Meat Products	257.83	259.19	265.42	42.9	42.7	42.4	6.01	6.07	6.26
Malt Beverages	814.87	892.49	865.89	45.6	49.2	48.7	17.87	18.14	17.78
Textile Mill Products	324.95	323.83	318.21	43.5	44.3	45.2	7.47	7.31	7.04
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	193.96	193.82	203.46	37.3	36.5	37.4	5.20	5.31	5.44
Paper & Allied Products	471.68	471.76	468.46	44.0	43.4	43.7	10.72	10.87	10.72
Printing & Publishing	405.03	393.43	390.45	39.4	38.8	39.4	10.28	10.14	9.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	640.65	642.60	675.58	41.9	42.0	44.3	15.29	15.30	15.25
Petroleum & Coal Products	712.99	722.77	652.70	45.5	45.4	42.8	15.67	15.92	15.25
Petroleum Refining	740.02	749.84	675.81	45.4	45.5	42.8	16.30	16.48	15.79
Leather & Leather Products	229.52	236.19	222.40	38.0	39.3	40.0	6.04	6.01	5.56
Other Nondurable Goods	383.13	391.78	395.25	43.0	43.1	45.8	8.91	9.09	8.63
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	512.50	489.61	473.56	41.0	39.2	40.2	12.50	12.49	11.78
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	571.78	550.12	550.16	46.6	44.4	46.0	12.27	12.39	11.96
Oil & Gas Extraction	508.31	484.61	468.05	40.6	38.8	39.8	12.52	12.49	11.76
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	517.01	518.68	484.90	41.0	41.1	39.2	12.61	12.62	12.37
Elec., Gas & San. Services	452.13	487.63	455.66	39.8	40.4	39.9	11.36	12.07	11.42
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.44	230.30	227.72	32.6	32.3	32.3	7.13	7.13	7.05
Wholesale Trade	407.00	401.97	385.93	39.4	38.8	39.3	10.33	10.36	9.82
Retail Trade	181.15	179.66	179.69	30.6	30.4	30.2	5.92	5.91	5.95
General Merchandise Stores	171.39	170.46	183.86	29.0	28.6	28.2	5.91	5.96	6.52
Banking	280.28	267.53	254.87	38.5	36.9	36.1	7.28	7.25	7.06

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 414.34	$ 416.91	$ 406.43	41.6	41.9	41.6	$ 9.96	$ 9.95	9.77
Durable Goods	444.78	444.57	433.15	42.4	42.3	42.3	10.49	10.51	10.24
Nondurable Goods	366.53	372.45	363.20	40.5	41.2	40.4	9.05	9.04	8.99
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	461.92	453.84	413.28	42.3	42.1	41.0	10.92	10.78	10.08
Durable Goods	492.20	479.83	430.50	42.8	42.5	41.0	11.50	11.29	10.50
Nondurable Goods	384.29	386.63	367.69	41.1	41.0	40.9	9.35	9.43	8.99
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	493.99	484.79	490.36	43.6	42.6	43.9	11.33	11.38	11.17
Durable Goods	424.31	411.51	414.42	44.9	43.5	43.9	9.45	9.46	9.44
Nondurable Goods	573.82	570.04	576.40	42.1	41.7	44.0	13.63	13.67	13.10
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	303.56	295.99	294.42	40.1	39.1	39.1	7.57	7.57	7.53
Durable Goods	326.40	314.67	313.89	40.0	38.8	38.8	8.16	8.11	8.09
Nondurable Goods	282.10	278.16	275.41	40.3	39.4	39.4	7.00	7.06	6.99

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✣ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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January and October of 1988, almost 16,000 Manufacturing jobs have been added in Texas.

Most of the expansion has been generated by the **Durable Goods** sector. This sector, which is characterized by the manufacture of relatively long-enduring products, currently comprises close to 60% of the total Manufacturing employment in Texas. Most of the factory growth in 1988 has been in these industries.

Between September and October 1988, an additional 2,600 Manufacturing jobs were added, and 1,500 of these were in Durable Goods. Although none of the individual industries recorded a large gain over the month, the majority of the Durable Goods sectors did advance moderately.

The largest increase was in Transportation Equipment, which gained 500 jobs in October. Furniture and Fixtures added 400 jobs. The other industries within Durable Goods registered minor growth. Over the past year, however, Fabricated Metal Industries had increased by 3,700 and Transportation Equipment registered 2,800 additions. The only Durable Goods sector which showed a sizeable downturn over the year was Stone, Clay and Glass Products, which lost 1,000 jobs from October 1987 to October 1988, as construction activity declined sharply.

The **Nondurable Goods** sector primarily manufactures "soft goods" -- those which do not normally have a long life-span. Over the past month, Nondurable Goods gained 1,100 jobs, but the majority of those were seasonal increases in Food and Kindred Products. Smaller growth occurred in Paper and Allied Products and in Chemicals and Allied Products. The Nondurable Goods industry which had the largest number of new jobs over the year was Paper and Allied Products, which contributed 2,100 jobs. Printing and Publishing also recorded a moderate number of new positions. The only major industry showing a decline from October to October was Petroleum and Coal Products, which lost 1,600 jobs in Petroleum Refining.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS RISE IN OCTOBER

There were an estimated 620,300 Texas Manufacturing production workers in October, up 2,400 from the September level. The average production worker in October was earning $9.99 per hour for a 41.9-hour work week and averaging $418.58 a week in wages. Average Weekly Hours rose 0.2 hour between September and October, while Average Hourly Earnings slid downward by one cent over the month. Average Weekly Earnings thus rose by only $1.58 during this period. Compared to a year earlier, Average Weekly Hours were down 0.1 hour but Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 14¢, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up by $4.88 over the year.

Most of the over-the-month increase in hours worked was provided by Durable Goods industries, where more overtime was worked at premium wages, pushing Average Weekly Hours up by 0.4 hour and raising Average Hourly Earnings in this sector by 7¢ in October. Compared to the minor increase for Manufacturing workers as a whole, those in Durable Goods averaged a gain of $6.92 per week in Average Weekly Earnings. The Nondurable Goods sector, in comparison, recorded a drop in Average Hourly Earnings of 10¢ over the month, and Average Weekly Hours were unchanged between September and October.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	OCT.'88	OCT.'87
Total Population	17,001,000*	16,905,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	2.0
UI Covered Employers	311,410	313,364
Total Claims Actions	468,966	589,430
Total Initial Claims Actions	61,500	71,052
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	407,466	518,378
Total Placements	32,488	27,056
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$149.44	$154.61
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$51,467,194	$67,144,358

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